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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT BY HUA KUO-FENG TO IRAN

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM AN IRANIAN EMBOFF HERE THAT
TEHRAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE RECENTLY SPECULATED ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO IRAN BY PRC CHAIRMAN AND
PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG. WHILE EMBOFF REFUSED TO COMPLETELY
CONFIRM ACCURACY OF THESE STORIES, HE INDICATED SUCH A
VISIT WAS AT LEAST A GOOD POSSIBILITY, AND MIGHT BE
TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH HUA'S PLANNED VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA
AND ROMANIA IN AUGUST.

2. COMMENT: SUCH A VISIT SEEMS LOGICAL, GIVEN BOTH
THE PRC'S CONCERN OVER SOUTH ASIAN DEVELOPMENTS SINCE
THE AFGHAN COUP AND ITS RECENT EFFORTS (E.G., ESTABLISH-
MENT OF RELATIONS WITH OMAN) TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH
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MODERATE MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES. IRAN'S GEOGRAPHICAL
POSITION AND ITS ANTI-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT WOULD BOTH
MAKE IT, IN CHINESE EYES, A NATURAL POTENTIAL PARTNER
IN ANY PRC MOVE TO LIMIT MOSCOW'S INFLUENCE IN WESTERN
ASIA.
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